

Evening Telegraph

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1864.

SPIRIT OF THE NEW YORK PRESS.

Leading Editorials from the New York Papers This Morning.

CAPTURE OF BRITISH ARMS FOR THE REBELS.

From the Home.

Admiral Porter telegraphed to the War Department that the blockade-runner *Petrel* was captured by our gunboats on the 13th inst., off New Inlet, having a large cargo of arms and ammunition on board. This may seem, in the ordinary course of events, a very important and significant fact; but, we shall show, it is the early part of this month the blockade-runner *Vixen* was captured by the United States gunboat *Blockade* off Wilmington, with a large and valuable cargo, consisting of rifles, ordnance stores, medicines, and blankets.

It will be remembered that we published a letter from our correspondent in London, on the 29th of November, giving the particulars of a capture made by the British gunboat *Conqueror* and *Coville* & Co., and the Rebs' Government, the manufacture and delivery of two hundred and fifty thousand rifles, which were to be paid for at the rate of a half cent for each rifle—the price being fixed by the Rebs' to cover the risk of landing the arms at their ports, and to give the *con-sent* of the *King* of England. The cost of these guns would be about \$2,000,000, and the price of the carion in England would be fully \$5,000,000, leaving an immense margin of profit to cover the cost.

Now, it is quite evident that we have got two cargos at least of these rifles and other implements of war which were probably included in the contract with the English; how many have been brought over since November, we do not know. It will be remembered also that among the orders taken by General Thomas recently was a proclamation of Gen. Calis' Braxton, imploring the Rebels to be careful of their small arms and to let no man go home carrying up every bullet out of the earthworks.

A supply of small arms is then evidently the most pressing necessity of the Rebels, and hence the large sum paid for them, and by capturing these vessels with their cargoes, we have virtually secured a supply of arms for the Rebels, because the enemy are driven to a strait of which there is no outlet, as they cannot get small arms from any other source.

These people, when they read a newspaper concerning the capture of two blockade-runners, with cartridges, etc., etc., will very little if how important an event it is in crushing the power of the Rebellion.

POPULAR VOTE FOR PRESIDENT.

From the Tribune.

The "Tribune Almanac" for 1865, which will be published in a few days, will contain full returns of the vote for Presidential Electors from nearly every State in the Union. In consequence of the early meeting of the Electoral Colleges, it was impossible to get in all the returns in some of the large Western States, such as Missouri, Iowa, the Michigan Peninsula, Minnesota, &c.; but these deficiencies are trivial, and make no difference in the result of the election. The aggregate vote as actually returned is 3,957,702—say 4,000,000, including such as were excluded by being too late. Of these, duly returned the respective candidates had—

Abraham Lincoln..... 2,182,922

George Birney McGinnis..... 1,775,209

Majority for Lincoln..... 467,302

Taking the entire popular vote in all the States entitled to a vote, we may put Lincoln's clear majority at 4,050,000. The vote in detail (estimating Oregon at 100,000) follows, comparing with the same States in 1860—

PRESIDENT, 1860.

States: Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, &c.

Connecticut..... 44,691 42,295 33,792 33,154

Delaware..... 8,155 8,767 3,815 12,224

Illinois..... 139,498 157,739 172,161 167,532

Indiana..... 150,231 130,233 139,033 133,110

Iowa..... 49,705 47,704 50,706 57,120

Kansas..... 16,441 6,691 1,000 1,000

Kentucky..... 26,592 61,478 1,364 144,832

Maine..... 61,803 41,211 62,811 35,107

Maryland..... 40,163 42,739 2,294 50,206

Massachusetts..... 125,741 122,272 125,200 126,200

Michigan..... 67,972 88,488 69,267 79,267

Minnesota..... 23,050 17,375 22,069 22,730

Missouri..... 71,190 31,269 17,028 14,494

Nevada (est.)..... 10,217 6,984 1,000 1,000

N. Hampshire..... 34,387 35,200 37,511 35,200

N. Jersey..... 66,723 66,723 56,124 62,891

New York..... 261,386 322,046 312,510 312,510

Ohio..... 256,973 205,557 231,610 210,351

Oregon (est.)..... 8,000 6,000 5,000 7,149

Pennsylvania..... 396,391 276,316 268,030 208,414

Rhode Island..... 32,652 8,749 13,244 7,737

Vermont..... 42,132 31,326 33,890 30,913

West Virginia..... 10,438 10,438 10,438 10,438

Wisconsin..... 80,082 63,028 68,110 66,070

Total..... 2,182,502 1,775,200 1,661,523 2,001,034

Percent..... 55.15 44.85 48.20 51.80

Lincoln's majority..... 4,000,000; increase, 1,775,200

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